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<b>TITLE</b> <p style="text-align: center;">JOHN HOWARD LAWSON, with aliases</p>			<b>CHARACTER OF CASE</b> <p style="text-align: center;">INTERNAL SECURITY - C</p>
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 30%;"> <b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> </div> <div style="width: 70%;"> <p>Reliable informant predicts subject will again assume active leadership of the Communist movement in the motion picture industry. Subject recently spoke at rally of Council of African Affairs with PAUL ROBESON and other prominent Communists and will appear at forthcoming Communist forum on "Art--Weapon of the People". Subject identified as sponsor of Communist supported F.E.P.C. program, and reliable informant has disclosed subject named to committee to aid strikers in Los Angeles. Subject will personally indoctrinate recent convert.</p> </div> </div>			
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 30%;"> <p><b>Reference:</b></p> <p>Report of Special Agent ROBERT W. HOLLMAN, dated February 15, 1946, at Los Angeles.</p> </div> <div style="width: 70%;"> <p><b>Details:</b></p> <p>Source A has recently advised this office that the subject has just finished ten weeks' work for WALTER WANGER for which he received \$25,000, and although he will be off the pay roll approximately a week he will return to rewrite an unidentified script for WANGER.</p> <p>Source B, who is well versed on the Communist infiltration in the motion picture industry, has pointed out that on March 26, 1946, the Rankin Committee announced that it would discontinue its investigation of Communism in the motion picture industry and that he had learned that as a result of this LAWSON will again assume active leadership of the Communist movement in the</p> </div> </div>			
<b>APPROVED AND FORWARDED</b> <p style="text-align: center;">[Signature]</p>		<b>SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</b> <p style="text-align: center;">[Signature]</p>	
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